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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gene Samson et al.

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For: HIGH PERFORMANCE BRAIDED CATHETER

Docket No.: 1001.1585104

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of: EL855119810US, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231 on this 6th day of February, 2002.

By Kathleen L. Boekley
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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 6, 2001. This Response is being filed with a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the response deadline to February 6, 2002.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 6, 2001. The Office Action stated that five distinct species had been identified. Election of species was requested. Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment which was filed concurrent with the Continuation Application and in which claims

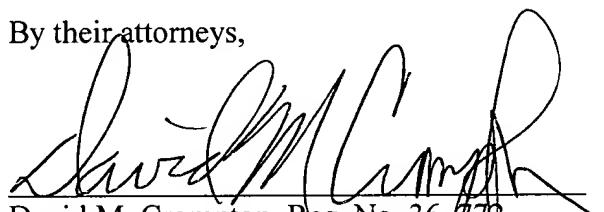
1-95 were cancelled and new claims 96-103 were introduced. Pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment, Applicants elect species I without traverse. Species I corresponds to claims 96-103.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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